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## ADULT SESSION CAMP RIVER CLIFF, AUG. 1ST TO 9TH

### Y. M. C. A. CAMP RIVER CLIFF OPENS WITH A BANG

#### 33 Happy Campers There Now

Camp River Cliff, Bourbon, Mo., July 26—Thirty-three happy campers send greetings to their friends and the readers of this paper from Camp River Cliff the beautiful Y. M. C. A. Camp situated among the picturesque foot hills of the Ozark Mountains. A special car attached to the "Ozarks Limited" (Frisco Lines) conveyed the happy party to the city of Bourbon, Mo., where they were met by taxis and conveyed over six beautiful miles to the camp site on Wednesday the Twenty-second.

#### What They Do

The Campers wish the world to know that they are in a wonderful place having a happy, healthful and wholesome time. They are arising at 6:30 a. m. (day light saving time) for setting-up exercise and a refreshing bath in the river followed by devotionals in their specially constructed half-screen walled cabins, each of which accommodate eight campers and a leader. After devotions they eat a hearty meal of either breakfast food, milk, bacon and eggs or hot cakes, butter, syrup and cocoa or fried potatoes substituted for the eggs, all of which is carefully and neatly prepared by Mr. Jack Polk, a real camp chef. After breakfast the boys put in forty-five minutes of camp duty (peeling potatoes, washing dishes or cleaning camp), after which Assembly is called which is promptly followed by three 20 minute periods of group study (the subjects studied are: Nature, Health and First Aid and Athletics). After group work comes the morning swim and boating period, which leads to the preparation of cabins for inspection and a delicious "square" meal. Among the dinner favorites of the campers are: Irish Stew, Navy Beans and Franks, Cabbage, Corn Beef and Pork Cod Fish Balls and Mashed Potatoes and Pudding, Prunes, Peaches, Apricots or Jello for dessert. (For Sunday dinner we served chicken and dumplings, corn on

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### "Y" COMMERCIAL SCHOOL

The young man and woman who desire an efficient training in Commerce and who desire to enter upon such a course within the very near future will do well to consider the Y. M. C. A. School of Commerce which will open in October, 1925 with a thorough Course, an efficient faculty and a well equipped school. Bulletins will be issued on or about September 15th. For detailed information telephone Mr. E. L. Snyder, Chairman Educational Committee, Bomont 3112, Mr. Fred D. Gardner, Lindell 6200, Chairman Committee of Commercial School or J. M. Chiles, Bomont 702.

### PINE TORCH EXTENDS ITS MAILING LIST

The Pine Torch has extended its mailing list so as to reach every Branch in the Colored Men's Department of the Brotherhood. If in the event there is any Association not receiving Pine Street's Weekly, kindly favor us with the information of the same and the Editor shall be happy to enter your Branch on the list.

### MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

The Pine Street Y. M. C. A. is desirous of making the "Y" bigger and better, to serve more men and boys in this city. Our slogan is "Every Member Get A Member." Now we can only reach our ideal by carrying this out.

Dear Member if you have a friend you want to become a member of the Y. M. C. A. please write, phone or call in and let us know. Useless to repeat the Y. M. C. A. is a movement in the city to build character for this fact is well known to you. You cannot stand by and not do your bit to get men to join. It does not only help the man but it also helps you, for it makes better men for you to deal with. We are only asking that you send us new men, but if you are a part paid man, please pay out your membership. This is a moral and business obligation you owe to yourself and God. Please look after it. If you have not renewed please do so at once.

### LEARN TO SWIM

The Physical Department is offering to the men of St. Louis a FREE SWIM WEEK at Pine Street "Y" beginning Monday, 3rd ending August 9th. The classes will be open to men only and shall be Free! Free! Indeed. Mr. Woodson, who returns from Springfield (Mass.) "Y" College will be in charge. Special attention will be given the beginner and Life Saving will be taught to swimmers. This city-wide activity is open to men of all groups and professions and it is expected that a large number will swim each day.

The scheduled hours are from 10:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. For further information call Bomont 702 and ask for the Physical Director.

### READING ROOM

Mr. A. W. Winn, Business Manager of the Justice Magazine, has informed the Educational Department that his office will furnish the Reading Room with a copy of each Negro newspaper so that a man may read the news of his home town. The Pine Torch, our weekly organ of the Branch, which is published by the Educational Department, takes this occasion to thank Mr. Winn for his fine interest in the current literature of the "Y". It is hoped that every man and boy when at the "Y" will search these periodicals for home and foreign news.

### RELIGIOUS WORK PROGRAM

The Religious Work Department of the "Y" of which Mr. A. C. Maclin is chairman, offers splendid courses in Bible Study, Religious Lectures, Personal Interviews on Religious Life and Progress as well as good will and cheer to the Industries and the Institutional Homes through a Gospel Team.

The Bible Study Committee of which Mr. W. L. White is chairman invites men and boys to enroll in September for a systematic study of the Bible in our School of Religious Education.

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## Editorials

### SIGN BOARDS

"It Pays to Advertise" is true, but have you ever stopped to think of the value of Sign Boards in a community?

Present day advertising is done on just as scientific a basis as any other art. Since this is true it must carry its message and make its appeal.

The messages of the Signs are many. They cater to:

- 1 Life, Health, Recreation and Amusement, Religion and Travel.
- 2 Conditions—Industrial, Economical and Political.
- 3 Taste—Fashion, Home Building and Furnishing.
- 4 Ideal—Proper Attitudes, Perfection.

Besides these phases much general information is supplied through the study of this form of advertising.

In listing the factors that contribute largely to the general education of a community the Sign Boards may be wisely listed as unselfish, necessary factors serving the community silently but well.

### CHECKERS

The "Northwest End" of the Men's lobby still remains the center of a lively and wholesome social recreation among young men and old men who rest their minds and bodies from the toils of the day. If you are in doubt, about this live corner, why come and see or ask for Mr. C. K. Robinson, Dr. Kelly Robinson, Mr. Paige Brown, etc. They seem to get as much joy out of checkers as some men get out of life.

### VISITORS

Atty. and Mrs. J. Alston Atkins, Muskogee, Okla.  
Dr. F. Butler, Young People's Department, M. E. Church, Chicago.  
Mr. Harding, Madam Walker Co.  
Prof. C. A. Davis, Mississippi.

## COMMONWEALTH CLUB HELD LIVE MEETING

The Educational Committee of the Commonwealth Fellowship Club, conducted a live session on last Friday night. The principal feature of the program consisted of a popular debate: "Resolved that a Man's Wife Should Handle All of His Money." This discussion provoked wide-spread interest among the members to the extent that the attendance was very large.

It has been a puzzle to ascertain the president's action in his preference to playing Billiards when so great a question was before the House and where the men had so much at stake. It is concluded that he was against his wife handling any of his cash. Some joke on President.

### SNOW FLAKES

It is said that a supposition is contrary to fact—so the idea that Mrs. B never smiles is contrary, for she yielded a broad one on the morn of July 28th. H. goes on vacation soon. It is generally expected that a portion of same will be spent in Indianapolis.

When F. sees C. it becomes a gratifying scene. Old Chappy son, you will reign if you faint not.

W. will soon return after having enjoyed a whole of a vacation. What do you imagine they will weigh? Ask the scales, they will tell you.

Seeing is believing—You have heard that old song sung—"Wash me and I shall be Whiter Than Snow." Well, when you see D. you will believe they have been washed.

Guess who should bring a Day Bed to the Employees Conference? Ask the Conference reporter.

## COMMONWEALTHERS PLAN BIG FIELD DAY

The Commonwealth Fellowship Club is making plans for its big Annual Field Day Meet to be held on the Plant's Athletic Field in Granite City. The Meet will be Labor Day and promises to be a feature surpassing any event in the Club's History. Mr. Woolfolk announces today.

### BOYS BASE BALL LEAGUE

V. M. C. A. FIELD, July 24th:

Today's game between the Reds and White Sox was forfeited for failure of both teams not having enough players on time. So that leaves the White Sox still in lead.

### HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	L	PCT.
White Sox	4	4	0	1000
Yanks	5	3	2	600
Athletics	5	2	3	400
Reds	4	1	3	250

## WATER HEADS

Well Sir! It is said that water-heads are perfect failures at practically everything except sleeping. We seriously wonder just how a certain brother shall expect to harmonize figures after ten days of "Daily Dips" at Camp River Cliff. The fate or hope of the Water-heads depends upon this brother by whom the Ghost walks.

## ELLEARDSVILLE EXTENSION-SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### Tennis

The first of the two tournaments to be held by the E-Y-C Tennis Club this year will begin Friday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock on the Club's Courts, Pendleton and Cottage avenues. This tournament will bring into action the best players of our Club, especially Paul Moseley and Edward Keene, who were the finalists last year. There will be two classes—A and B. The B. class is made up of boys who, for their first time, are playing tennis this year and a real fight is on for the championship.

### Special Matches

On Saturday last, the semi-finalists of the boys of the Municipal Tournament (white) were to have played the semi-finalists of our tournament. Due to rain, the matches have been postponed until Saturday, August 8th. The reason of the long delay is due to the fact that each of these boys will be away for a week, playing in the National Boys' Tournament, that will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

### Base Ball

The last game of one of the most heated races witnessed at Ellearsville, will be played this afternoon. The Giants and Pirates who are tied for first place will play off the tie. The championship series will begin Saturday at 2:30. Each team has won 20 and lost 16, which means that they are very evenly matched. Three games must be won before the winner shall be decided. The games will start daily at 2:30. The series should come to a close on Thursday afternoon, if it is necessary to play the whole five.

### Swimming

From 50 to 60 boys of the Ellearsville Club are enjoying three times a week the sanitary swimming pool at Pine Street. This is one of the features of our summer activities and one that is enjoyed by all. Last summer 43 of our boys learned to swim at Pine Street. We are hoping by the close of the Summer that every boy at Ellearsville will be a swimmer.

# FREE SWIM WEEK AUG. 3rd to 9th

## BILLIARD CAROMS Games

Games are the Social safety valve of group life and each stage of civilization has been marked by competitive contests in which the artful mind and manual dexterity have combined to the end that the most accomplished contestant stands out pre-eminently as Master.

During the centuries many games have been developed and then abandoned and there are only two that have continued to have a following among the best people of each century.

These two are Billiards and Chess, either requires concentration, skill and knowledge of the delicate points involved in mastering the technique and art of play.

Chess is a very Complicated and absorbing game, older than our Christian Civilization.

The technique is a fine example of diplomacy and it is necessarily a gentle, quiet intriguing match of wits.

Billiards while of much more recent origin, being contemporaneous with the discovery of America, requires poise, control and dexterity of the highest order.

To appreciate fully these two pastimes of gentlemen and ladies, one should visit our Social Room and note the leaders of our urban group in contests.

Among the Adepts-at-Chess we have Judge D. W. Bowles and Dr. Buster a much traveled and very accomplished pair, who also lead at Caroms, while Dr. Kelly Robinson, Dr. John Williams, William F. Cody Henry Stovall, Hutchins F. Inge, Robert Turner, Clarence Chattin and F. A. Jones play very well at times.

The gentle exercise of Billiards, combines walking, stooping, bending and flexing of many of the little used muscles of the body.

A splendid pastime and a sure builder of lasting fellowship.

"Education is Truth, Ignorance is Falsehood, Truth is Knowledge, Falsehood is Sin, Knowledge lifts to God and eternal Light while Sin drags down to Oblivion and unending Darkness." By George Harden.

### Challenges

Mr. George W. Draper defies ALL Boys Department Graduates, his motto is "Up Salt River To Oblivion."

Mr. George J. Harden of Indianapolis will during the week of July 27 be proud to show up the Billiard Player at Pine Street "Y" his slogan is "I Wash 'Em Away."

Dr. Kelly Robinson came from Mr.

Harden's home town, Lexington, Ky., and will no doubt absent himself from the Social Room during Mr. Harden's stay.

Dr. Peters needed a bit more luck then he might have won.

May Lady Luck follow closely the ways of Mr. Clarence Chattin, that he be not the next voyager up the "Creek."

"Der Chudge" is a bit cleary of Hutchins Inge, our coming "Hoppe."

Cody is a good loser, game and all that sort of thing but nevertheless a LOSER.

The Boys Secretary Tourney has been deferred owing to the absence of Mr. Steward.

A splendid game of vocal Black Ball is played by Mr. Roundtree.

Dr. Gentry is not afraid of the Boys but, one is safe when absent.

The Commonwealth Night-Men's Tourney will close on August 3rd.

The standing of the players is now.

- 1 Edgar Brown
- 2 William Brown
- 3 James King
- 4 James Beck
- 5 Joseph Murray
- 6 Richard Fields
- 7 Albert Rutledge
- 8 Robert Randall
- 9 Henry Whitfield

Mr. President Owens not to be outdone by the Murray Night-Hawks, has an informal Tourney twice a week and Mr. Smart and others have a high running contest every Tuesday and Friday night.

Among the Billiardists, Mr. Lambkia of Atlanta and Mr. Hamilton of Washington are "Hot" cues.

Mr. Browner of Chicago dressed down Mr. Newell of Cincinnati a suburb of Madisonville, Ohio.

Chess master Daniel W. Bowles desires all to know that he holds the Premiere Gambit of the Middle West. "Checkers" says Der Chuge is a pastime while Chess is a Mental Science.

William Cody very modestly declares his superiority at Pool both Swimming and Pocket Billiards.

Pine Street is a live center, so if you are "Right" in anything you do, come to us to be treated to a thorough dry cleaning.

## THE CAFETERIA

Let the Y. M. C. A. Cafeteria plan your special party or dinner.

Why worry over the problem of cooking or planning. Just call us and say "I want a special Dinner for a certain number." We'll do the rest. Don't forget the Special Dinner every Sunday.

## CAMP RIVER CLIFF NEWS

Well, could you believe that the 'cats' are better than ever!

And could you believe that there are no such details as the "woods" and the "water" details!

And could you believe that swimming is even better than before we could dive and safer than the "ole swimmin' hole!"

And could you believe that Charles Clanton better known in Camp as "Evolution", was the first camper to catch a string of first class FISH!

Those morning "dips" are great. EVERYBODY likes them—even James Taylor.

The Horse Flies were leading the Insect Twilight Base Ball League when this news was written. They beat the Bumble Bee Nine to the tune of 13 to 5 and the Mosquitoes 4 to 1.

The Horse Flies are: F. Young, Captain; Charles Harris, Richard Cowen, Herbert Murrell, William Young, Arnold Bivens, Albion Mitchell, Hamilton Stewart and L. W. Stewart.

The Bumble Bees are: W. Baskerville, Captain; Thos. Kye, Charles Clanton, Milton "Red" Moore, Thurman 'Fat' Warner, Wilbert Turner, J. L. Procope.

The Gallinippers (Mosquitoes) are: Ed. Coburn, Captain; John Young, Story Vashon, Milton Purnell, Wm. Brown, Gerald Landsdown, Ed. Whitfield, F. Cason.

The Bumble Bees snatched victory out of the hands of the "Skeeters" last Friday in a ninth inning rally. Score, 10-8.

Cabin No. 2 won the hotly contested "Stunt Nite" honors. They are Purnell, Rivens, John Young, Wilbert Turner, Kye Murrell, Landsdown and Baskerville.

Speaking of camp stories, take Story Vashon for instance. It took a good hard heart-breaking cry an hour of hard work to make him mad enough to swim the yellow ribbon off his neck. And now that famous water splashing sinker is a swimmer.

In the Cabin Inspection Prize Race Cabin No. 2 has won the flag once, second place twice and third place once. Cabin No. 3 has done Likewise. Cabin No. 4 has won the flag twice and third place twice. SOME race.

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The folks in Camp No. 4 are: F. Young, Story Vashon, Milton Moore, Charles Clanton, Albion Mitchell, Edward Whitfield and Richard Carwin.

The population of Cabin No. 3 consists of Edward Coburn, Charles Harris James Taylor, Sol James, William Brown, "Ham" Stewart and Bill Young of Jeff. City.

Water Carnival Wednesday afternoon and Track and Field Meet Thursday afternoon will be reported in next week's issue of The Torch. So will you get the dope on the Session Banquet which is on Wednesday evening.

Sunday was G-G-G-R-R-R-AND G-G-G-L-L-L-ORIOUS. We slept till 8:30 and then tore into a high stack of marvelous HOT PAN CAKES. After a splendid "Church Service" we read, "rote and rested and then "awum" until that good old chicken-and-dumplin dinner was steaming hot and ready. After dinner came cabin "inspection" and then we closed the day with a wonderful Evening Vesper Service of song and devotional Study. O, Boy. It was GREAT.

Mr. Frank Cason our camp mechanic and his lovely wife are adding a great deal to C. R. C. during this season.

But the BIG BOSS of C. R. C. these days is MASTER JOHN PROCOPE, Jr. And what HE says GOES, too. He's a great Guy, fellows, you should hear him yell "Whoa!" when the boys begin to sing "grace" at meals.

Mrs. Procope and Mrs. Stewart are the champion lady swimmers of the camp. Slowly but slowly is the yellow ribbon sliding off the necks of both these ladies.

Friday morning early we are going to take our last fishing trip. But HOW WE DO HATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. That's when we leave Camp River Cliff the best place on earth.

# BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Well Boys we have another boy in our department cut out to be Bank President, Elmo Young. There's just a little difference between him and Preston Banks. He claims he's too heavy for light work and too light for heavy work. But I've gotta hunch he has never been seen out to Swifts or Scullin's.

Well Boys the Baby is back, but not alone he brought a record of being one of the best Campers that has ever been stung by a bee. Keep up the good work Clifton, old Boy.

It has been said before that Old Baker will try anything once, well he will. The fingerless wonder is now trying to learn how to make caps.

Some one asked Horne why did he go home so early every night, his answer was getting rest to make the football team this fall. Some one said he ought to make good because he has a great understanding to get into the game.

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the cob, creamed peas, jelly and vanilla cakes).

After dinner the camp library, candy and stamp store and the camp bank are opened. Then comes "quiet hour" when the boys read, write or rest. After quiet hour the boys play their league games of base ball and horse shoes after which comes a delicious supper of fried eggs, cocoa or milk, bread and fruit or salmon salad or beans or vegetable soup in place of the eggs. After supper they play camp games, boat or read until the joyful camp fire hour closes "another happy day." All of the vegetables are raised on the camp property by the camp caretaker. Swimming and boating are taught beginners.

# Who Are There

Those who are returning today (Fri-

day the 31st) are: Dr. L. R. Dabbs, of the Camp Medical Staff, John L. Procope, Business Secretary of the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. a camp leader, and his wife and son, John Jr., Leon W. Steward, the camp director and his wife, Frank Cason, camp mechanic and his wife and Fred G. Young, acting camp physical director. The boys are: Richard Carwin, 4354 Enright; Milton Moore, 2734 Lucas, Charles Clanton, of Rutger street; Story Vashon, 3309 Arsenal street; James H. Taylor, Edward Cobin, Thomas Kye, Charles Harris, 211 S. Ewing; Wilbert Turner, 2903 Laclede; Hamilton Stewart, 4232 W. Belle; Herbert Murrell, 2735 Morgan; Edward Whitfield, 4233 W. Belle Place; Arnold Bivens of Clark avenue; William Brown, 4235 Enright, John Young, 2234 Morgan street; Sol James of Laclede avenue; Albion Mitchell of N. Leonard avenue; Bill Young of Lincoln University; Jeff. City and Jerald Landsdown of Jeff. City; Milton E. Purnell, 4424 West Belle Place, and Chef Polk will stay over with the campers who are to follow.

# Big Events

Saturday night was "Stunt Night" around camp fire and Cabin No. 2 won the prize. Splendid religious services were held morning and evening on Sunday. Wednesday brings the Water Carnival and Camp Banquet; Thursday is Field Day and Friday is leaving day. This session will be followed by a party of adult campers who will remain until the 10th to be replaced by a party of seventy-two Summer School boys and leaders with Mr. J. E. Cook, the associate Director in charge. On August 24th the final session will be open to fifty boys for two weeks with Leon W. Steward in charge, assisted by W. C. Woodson, physical director, Dr. Dave Morris of City Hospital No. 2 representing the medical staff and Dr. J. E. Stanley of Liberty Congregational Church in charge of the religious program.

THE HALF HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD

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